MATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of foreign films/documentaries purchased by India during the year 1984 and the month ending July, 1985;

(b) the names of countries which sold these films/documentaries with expenditure; and

(c) the number of Indian films sold during the same period, and the value of earning from Indian films?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) to (c) Documentaries can be imported and exported by any person in India under Open General Licence (OGL). The information about their import and export is not, therefore, available with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. As regards feature films, 23 and 11 foreign films were purchased by India (the National Film Development Corporation and private Indian parties) during the calendar year, 1984 and the month of July, 1985. respectively. These figures do not include the foreign films imported by the Motion Pictures Export Association of America (MPEAA) Group of Companies, Sovexportfilm and Non-Resident Indians.

The above-mentioned films were purchased from USA, UK, France, China, Italy, Poland, West Germany, Kenya and Libya. The total expenditure incurred on the purchase of these films during the calendar year, 1984 and July, 1985 was US $ 4.94,635.

During the calendar year 1984 and the month of July, 1985, 574 films for a value of Rs. 759.89 lakhs, and 59 films for a value of Rs. 34.09 lakhs, respectively were sold in foreign countries. During these periods, video rights in respect of 160 films for a value of Rs. 158.45 lakhs and 15 films for a value of Rs. 6.43 lakhs. respectively were also sold.

Bidi Industry

2834. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether bidi workers and bidi industry have been declared as casual and second grade industry respectively;

(b) whether various Minimum Wages Acts and Industries Regulation Acts are made applicable to this industry and workers; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Minimum Wages Act, 1948 is applicable to the Beedi Industry. The Beedi & Cigar workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966 provides for the applicability of the following Acts to the Beedi industry:

1 Industrial Employment (Standing Order) Act, 1946.

2. Factories Act, 1948.

3. Maternity Benefit Act, 1961.

4. Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, and

5. Payment of Wages Act, 1936.

National Advisory Council of Labour Cooperatives

2835. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a council of labour cooperatives at the national level;

(b) if so, what is the likely composition, functions and the role to be played by the Council; and